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For : METHOD FOR CREATING A FIBROUS SUBSTANCE SUSPENSION

USED FOR PRODUCING A TISSUE WEB OR HYGIENE WEB

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,223,090 issued June 29, 1993 to KLUNGNESS et al., which is discussed in the literal English translation of the instant application beginning on page 2, first complete paragraph. Moreover, the document was also cited in a Search Report conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/050027, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. Furthermore, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of Reissue U.S. Patent No. 35,460 issued February 25, 1997 to KLUNGNESS et al., which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited U.S. patent;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,413,365 issued July 2, 2002 to DOELLE et al., which is discussed in the literal English translation of the instant application beginning on page 2,

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second complete paragraph. Moreover, the document was also cited in a Search Report conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/050027, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application;

(3) German Patent Application No. 101 07 448 published August 22, 2002, which is discussed in the literal English translation of the instant application beginning on page 2, second complete paragraph. Moreover, the document was also cited in a Search Report conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/050027, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. Furthermore, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0154771 published August 12, 2004 to RHEIMS et al., which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited German patent publication; and

In addition to the above noted items, the following document was cited in a Search Report conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/050027, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. As an English language copy of the International Search Report was forwarded to the Examiner on July 22, 2005, a copy of this Search Report is not provided herewith. The International Examiner additionally cited:

(4) French Patent Application No. 2 821 094 published August 23, 2002.

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at

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